

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously presented) A method for producing identification cards comprising the steps of:

generating a request in a client process to produce an identification card wherein said request includes information regarding a type of card to be produced;

transmitting said request from said client process to an enterprise server process through an enterprise network to manage the production of said identification card;

evaluating a rule set and placing the request into either a card issuance component queue where cards are ready for immediate production or into a production queue for later production based on the evaluation; and

forwarding said request from said card issuance component queue to a card issuance controller process coupled to a plurality of card issuance components for production of the identification card.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the rule set includes card type criteria and location criteria, and further comprising:

linking said request to a particular card issuance component queue or production queue based at least in part on the requested card type and a location where the request originated.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the production queue includes production requests for later processing, and further comprising;

receiving instruction from an administrative user to process requests in said production queue; and

transferring said request from said production queue to said card issuance component queue.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a network configuration database that is configured to evaluate each card issuance request based at least in part on the type of card and a location where the request originated and to determine a card issuance component queue or a production queue to place the request.